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PROGRAM - ESSEN

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DEPARTMENT HAS BROUGHT ESSEN'S INTEREST IN AMERICAN SISTER CITY AFFILIATION TO ATTENTION SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL (FORMERLY KNOWN AS TOWN AFFILIATION ASSOCIATION). S.C.I. GIVING THIS AFFILIATION HIGHEST PRIORITY. PROSPECTS FOR AFFILIATION WITH BOSTON HOWEVER APPEAR DIM. BOSTON COMMITTEE INFORMED S.C.I. IN SEPTEMBER THEY ARE UNWILLING UNDERTAKE ANY NEW AFFILIATIONS UNTIL THEY PERFECT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH KYOTO, JAPAN. S.C.I. CONFIDENT THAT STRONG EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM ANOTHER APPROPRIATE CITY CAN BE GENERATED IN NEAR FUTURE.

FYI, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, CITY WHICH MATCHES ESSEN WELL IN TERMS OF POPULATION, INDUSTRIAL BASE, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, AND CULTURAL INTERESTS, HAS EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN HAVING GERMAN SISTER CITY. MEMPHIS OFFICIALS

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